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Star Rating of Mines
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to develop a system for star rating of mines; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Mines has recently launched a Scheme of Star Rating of Mines/ mining leases for implementation of Sustainable Development Framework (SDF) vide notification dated 23.5.2016. The Star Ratings will be awarded based on evaluation of performance of mines on techno, socio-economic and environmental parameters and give objective reporting of their activities. The objective of the Scheme is to bring all mines to a minimum standard of star rating in the shortest possible timeframe to adopt sustainable practices. Based on the performing leases, a one to five star rating would be given to the mines. The Star Rating will be done initially for mines of 'major minerals'. The mining leases which have been operational for more than 180 days in the year of reporting would be eligible for star rating. Star Rating will be based on the following parameters :

(i) The management of impact by carrying out scientific and efficient mining.
(ii) Addressing social impacts of resettlement and rehabilitation requirements for taking up mining activities.
(iii) Local community engagements and welfare programmes.
(iv) Steps taken for progressive and final mine closure.
(v) Adoption of international standards.

2. The Star rating of mines is based on self certification. The verification will be carried out by Indian Bureau of Mines. The scheme of Star Rating has been launched with manual system on pilot basis, which will be made available for online filing of system from the next year. The Ministry of Mines has constituted an Apex Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Mines and members drawn from various Ministries and organizations, institutions such as Indian Institute of Technology, The Energy and Resources Institute, International Union for Conservation of Nature, National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, etc for the purpose of facilitation and supervising the implementation of Star Rating scheme.